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REEL'S MILL ROAD BRIDGE
Frederick Junction
Public

1910

The Reel's Mill Road Bridge is a single span pony pratt truss bridge which crosses Bush Creek. The bridge is sixty seven feet four inches long and fourteen feet wide with rivetted joints and was built by the York Bridge Company of York, Pennsylvania in 1910.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Reel's Mill Road Bridge #70 over Bush Creek

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Reel's Mill Road North of Ball Road

CITY, TOWN

Maryland

STATE

VICINITY OF

6th E.D. 9
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTFrederick
COUNTY**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☒ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Frederick County Roads Department

Montevue Lane

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Frederick

Maryland 21701

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Reel's Mill Road Bridge is a single span pony pratt truss bridge of sixty-seven feet four inches in length and nine feet in height. The width of the flooring is fourteen feet by sixty-seven feet four inches. As indicated by a plaque attached to the bridge, the structure was built by the York Bridge Company in 1910.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	1910	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	York Bridge Co.
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Reel's Mill Road Bridge was built by the York Bridge Company of York, Pennsylvania in 1910.

According to Polk's York City Directory, the York Bridge Company was in business between 1902 and 1917 and advertised as the Bridge Builders of Iron and Steel Structural Work.

There are over forty iron and steel truss bridges still in existence in Frederick County, Maryland. But, with increasing development in the area many of these bridges will be destroyed because of additional tonnage requirements demanded on highway structures.

Iron truss bridges portray an important step in bridge engineering design and were the most popular form of bridge construction in Frederick County, Maryland between the 1870's and the 1930's. One of the earliest mentions of iron bridges in Frederick County is found in The Frederick Examiner dated September 13, 1854, which states that iron, rather than wood, was now being used for bridge building and it was hoped that iron bridges would soon be built in the county. It was not until the 1870's however, that the county commissioners began using iron truss bridges almost exclusively in county bridge construction. Some of the most popular companies contracted to do the work were the Wrought Iron Bridge Company, Canton, Ohio; King Iron Bridge and Manufacturing Company, Cleveland, Ohio; Groton Bridge Manufacturing Company of Groton, New York and the York Bridge Company of York, Pennsylvania.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION

3/9/78

DATE

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Frederick
CITY OR TOWN

Maryland 21701

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

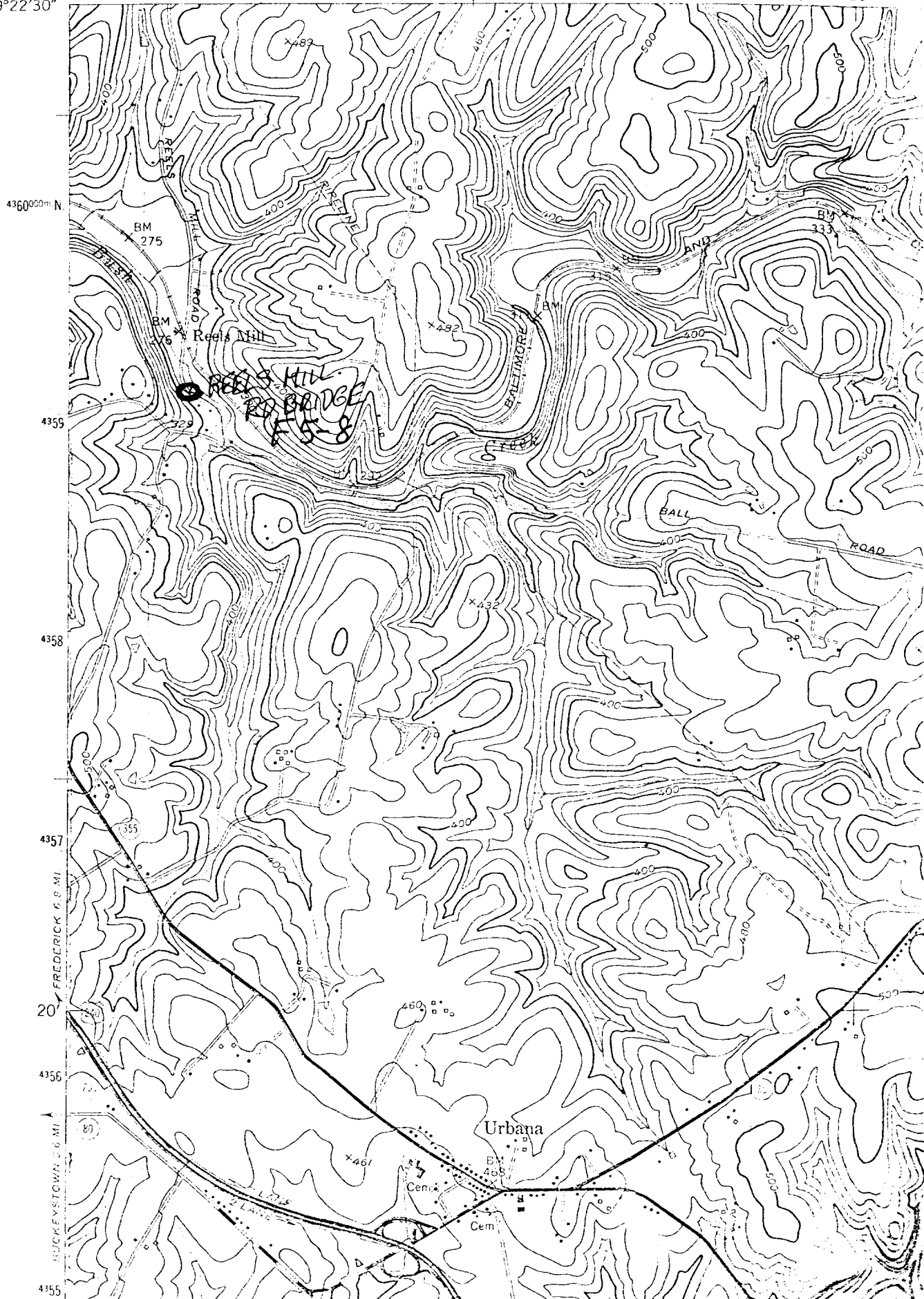
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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FREDERICK

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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QUADRANGLE

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39°22'30"





Reel's Mill Road Bridge over Bush Creek 8/77
Reel's Mill Road North of Ball Road CEW
EAST VIEW F-5-8